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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

1712

Docket No.  
A-7519

In Re Application Of: **Travis L. ALLAN et al.**

Serial No.  
09/924,115

Filing Date  
August 8, 2001

Examiner  
Philip C. Tucker

Group Art Unit  
1712

Invention: **FRACTURING METHOD USING AQUEOUS OR ACID BASED FLUIDS**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 09/23/2003 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month      ☐ Two months      ☒ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: 12/23/2003      until: 03/23/2004  
*Date*      *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	10 -	22 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	4 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					0
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$475.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$475.00</b>

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$475.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2455
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 08-2455

  
Signature

Dated: **March 18, 2004**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on \_\_\_\_\_ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**  
**DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2003**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding final official action,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

